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## COMMISSION

## COMMISSION DECISION

of 19 July 2006

adopting, pursuant to Council Directive 92/43/EEC, the list of sites of Community importance for the Mediterranean biogeographical region

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(2006/613/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Directive 92/43/EEC of 21 May 1992 on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild fauna and flora <sup>(1)</sup> and in particular the third subparagraph of Article 4(2) thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The Mediterranean biogeographical region referred to in Article 1(c)(iii) of Directive 92/43/EEC, comprises the territory of Greece, Malta and Cyprus, in accordance to Article 1 of Protocol No 10 of the 2003 Act of Accession, and parts of the territory of France, Italy, Portugal, Spain and, in accordance to Article 299(4) of the Treaty, the United Kingdom, as specified in the biogeographical map approved on 23 October 2000 by the Committee set up by Article 20 of that Directive, hereinafter, 'the Habitats Committee'.
- (2) This Decision does not cover the territories of the Member States that joined the European Union in 2004. Those Member States began submitting their site proposals to the Commission after their accession. It has not yet been possible to integrate the information from those Member States into the present initial list of sites of Community importance, within the meaning of Directive 92/43/EEC. These data will be subject to a future Commission decision, when all the pertinent information will have been collected and when an in-depth scientific evaluation of the site proposals from these Member States will have been made.

(3) It is furthermore necessary in the context of a process initiated since 1995 to make progress in the actual establishment of the Natura 2000 network, which is an essential element of the protection of biodiversity in the Community.

(4) For the Mediterranean biogeographical region, lists of sites proposed as sites of Community importance within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC have been transmitted to the Commission between January 2003 and March 2006, in accordance with Article 4(1) of Directive 92/43/EEC, by France, Greece, Italy, Portugal, Spain and United Kingdom.

(5) The lists of proposed sites were accompanied by information on each site, supplied in the format established by Commission Decision 97/266/EC of 18 December 1996 concerning a site information format for proposed Natura 2000 sites <sup>(2)</sup>.

(6) That information includes the most recent and definitive map of the site transmitted by the Member State in question, the site's name, location and extent, and the data yielded by application of the criteria specified in Annex III to Directive 92/43/EEC.

(7) On the basis of the draft list drawn up by the Commission in agreement with each of the Member States concerned, which also identifies sites hosting priority natural habitat types or priority species, a list of sites selected as sites of Community importance should be adopted.

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 206, 22.7.1992, p. 7. Directive as last amended by Regulation (EC) No 1882/2003 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 284, 31.10.2003, p. 1).

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ L 107, 24.4.1997, p. 1.

- (8) Knowledge of the existence and distribution of the natural habitat types and species is constantly evolving, as a result of the surveillance in accordance with Article 11 of Directive 92/43/EEC. Therefore, the evaluation and selection of sites at Community level was done using the best available information at present.
- (9) According to the settled case-law of the Court of Justice of the European Communities 'to produce a draft list of sites of Community importance, capable of leading to the creation of a coherent European ecological network of special areas of conservation, the Commission must have available an exhaustive list of the sites which, at national level, have an ecological interest which is relevant from the point of view of the directive's objective of conservation of natural habitats and wild fauna and flora. (...) Only in that way, moreover, is it possible to realise the objective, in the first subparagraph of Article 3(1) of the directive, of maintaining or restoring the natural habitat types and the species' habitats concerned at a favourable conservation status in their natural range, which may lie across one or more frontiers inside the Community' <sup>(1)</sup>.
- (10) On the basis of available information and on the common assessments made within the framework of the biogeographic seminars, prepared by the European Topic Centre for Nature Protection and Biodiversity, and the bilateral meetings held with the Member States, some Member States have not proposed sufficient sites to meet the requirements in Directive 92/43/EEC for certain habitat types and species. For those types and species it can therefore not be concluded that the network is complete. However, taking into account the delay in receiving the information and reaching agreement with the Member States, it is necessary to adopt an initial list of sites which will need to be revised in accordance with Article 4 of Directive 92/43/EEC for the habitat types and species listed in Annex 2 to this Decision for which indicated Member States have not proposed sufficient sites according to the requirements of Directive 92/43/EEC.
- (11) Given that knowledge on the existence and distribution of the natural habitat types of Annex I and species of Annex II to Directive 92/43/EEC that occur in both marine territorial waters and as well as marine waters under national jurisdiction beyond territorial waters remains incomplete, it cannot be concluded that the network is either complete or incomplete for them. The relevant species and habitat types are listed in Annex 3 to this Decision. The initial list should be revised, if necessary, for the different habitat types and species listed in Annex 3 to this Decision in accordance with the provisions of Article 4 of Directive 92/43/EEC.
- (12) Annex 3 to this Decision also lists the other habitat types of Annex I and species of Annex II to that Directive which are subject to scientific examination.
- (13) The measures provided for in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Habitats Committee.

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

*Article 1*

The list contained in Annex 1 to this Decision shall constitute the initial list of sites of Community importance for the Mediterranean biogeographical region in accordance with the third subparagraph of Article 4(2) of Directive 92/43/EEC.

That list is to be revised in the light of further proposals by Member States in conformity with Article 4 of Directive 92/43/EEC for certain habitat types and species, specified in Annex 2 and in Annex 3 to this Decision.

*Article 2*

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 19 July 2006.

*For the Commission*  
Stavros DIMAS  
*Member of the Commission*

<sup>(1)</sup> Judgement of 11 September 2001, case C-71/99.

## ANNEX I

## Initial list of sites of Community importance for the Mediterranean biogeographical region

Each site of Community importance (SCI) is identified by the information supplied in the Natura 2000 format, including the corresponding map. This has been transmitted by the competent national authorities in accordance with the second subparagraph of Article 4(1) (except for those habitat types and species listed in Annex 2 to this Decision).

The table below gives the following information:

- A: SCI code comprising nine characters, the first two being the ISO code for the Member State;  
 B: name of SCI;  
 C: \* = presence on the SCI of at least one priority natural habitat type and/or species within the meaning of Article 1 of Directive 92/43/EEC;  
 D: surface area of SCI in hectares or length in km;  
 E: geographical coordinates of SCI (latitude and longitude).

All the information given in the Community list below is based on the data proposed, transmitted and validated by Spain, France, Greece, Italy, Portugal and United Kingdom.

A SCI code	B Name of SCI	C *	D		E	
			Area of SCI (ha)	Length of SCI (km)	Geographical coordinates of SCI	
					Longitude	Latitude
ES0000013	Tablas de Daimiel	*	2 345,79		W 3 42	N 39 8
ES0000019	Aiguamolls de l'Alt Empordà	*	4 730,96		E 3 5	N 42 12
ES0000021	Secans del Segrià-Garrigues	*	10 578,2		E 0 41	N 41 30
ES0000023	L'Albufera	*	27 538		W 0 18	N 39 18
ES0000024	Doñana	*	112 355,29		W 6 24	N 36 59
ES0000025	Marismas del Odiel	*	6 631,52		W 6 58	N 37 15
ES0000026	Complejo endorreico de Espera	*	514,77		W 5 51	N 36 51
ES0000027	Laguna de Medina		354,9		W 6 2	N 36 37
ES0000028	Complejo endorreico de Chiclana	*	793,01		W 6 4	N 36 26
ES0000029	Complejo endorreico del Puerto de Santa María		260,66		W 6 13	N 36 38
ES0000030	Complejo endorreico de Puerto Real		863,21		W 6 2	N 36 31
ES0000031	Sierra de Grazalema	*	53 374,54		W 5 23	N 36 43
ES0000032	Torcal de Antequera	*	2 004,85		W 4 32	N 36 57
ES0000033	Laguna de Fuente de Piedra	*	8 662,79		W 4 46	N 37 6
ES0000034	Lagunas del sur de Córdoba	*	1 471,14		W 4 41	N 37 28
ES0000035	Sierras de Cazorla, Segura y las Villas	*	210 065,23		W 2 45	N 38 6
ES0000037	Es Trenc-Salobrar de Campos	*	1 442,39		E 2 59	N 39 21
ES0000038	S'Albufera de Mallorca	*	2 135,12		E 3 5	N 39 47
ES0000045	Sierra Alhambilla	*	8 383,66		W 2 20	N 36 59

A SCI code	B Name of SCI	C *	D		E Geographical coordinates of SCI	
			Area of SCI (ha)	Length of SCI (km)	Longitude	Latitude
IT6000013	Fondali tra Capo Circeo e Terracina	*	3 377	15	E 13 10	N 41 15
IT6000014	Fondali tra Terracina e Lago Lungo	*	1 800	13	E 13 19	N 41 16
IT6000015	Fondali circostanti l'Isola di Palmarola	*	927	15	E 12 51	N 40 55
IT6000016	Fondali circostanti l'Isola di Ponza	*	1 012	22	E 12 58	N 40 54
IT6000017	Fondali circostanti l'Isola di Zannone	*	305	9	E 13 2	N 40 57
IT6000018	Fondali circostanti l'Isola di Ventotene	*	521	7	E 13 25	N 40 47
IT6000019	Fondali circostanti l'Isola di S. Stefano	*	52	3	E 13 27	N 40 47
IT6010001	Medio corso del Fiume Paglia		161		E 11 58	N 42 45
IT6010002	Bosco del Sasseto	*	61		E 11 56	N 42 45
IT6010004	Monte Rufeno	*	1 677		E 11 53	N 42 47
IT6010005	Fosso dell'Acqua Chiara	*	140		E 11 52	N 42 48
IT6010006	Valle del Fossatello	*	522		E 11 55	N 42 47
IT6010007	Lago di Bolsena		11 475		E 11 55	N 42 35
IT6010008	Monti Vulsini	*	2 389		E 12 0	N 42 35
IT6010009	Calanchi di Civita di Bagnoregio	*	1 592		E 12 9	N 42 37
IT6010011	Caldera di Latera	*	1 218		E 11 47	N 42 37
IT6010012	Lago di Mezzano	*	149		E 11 46	N 42 36
IT6010013	Selva del Lamone	*	3 066		E 11 42	N 42 34
IT6010014	Il Crostoletto	*	41		E 11 38	N 42 33
IT6010015	Vallerosa	*	14		E 11 41	N 42 31
IT6010016	Monti di Castro	*	1 558		E 11 35	N 42 30
IT6010017	Sistema fluviale Fiora-Olpeta	*	1 040		E 11 37	N 42 29
IT6010018	Litorale a nord-ovest delle foci del Fiora	*	185		E 11 29	N 42 21
IT6010019	Pian dei Cangani		41		E 11 31	N 42 21
IT6010020	Fiume Marta (alto corso)		704	20	E 11 54	N 42 26
IT6010021	Monte Romano	*	3 737		E 11 54	N 42 19
IT6010022	Monte Cimino (versante nord)	*	975		E 12 11	N 42 25
IT6010023	Monte Fogliano e Monte Venere	*	618		E 12 8	N 42 19
IT6010024	Lago di Vico		1501		E 12 10	N 42 19
IT6010026	Saline di Tarquinia	*	150		E 11 43	N 42 12